DPP-2006 and DPM-2006 have been placed on the Website of Ministry of Defence (www.mod.nic.in).

Corruption charges against defence officers

753. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of senior officers in Defence forces have been facing serious charges of corruption;

(b) if so, what are the details of such cases at present; and

(c) whether Government propose to aware exemplary punishment to such officers who are found guilty, apart from their dismissal from service, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) the list of senior officers in Defence Forces facing charges of corruption and details of such cases, is given in enclosed Statement. (*see* below)

(c) Indian Armed Forces are governed by the irespective Acts namely Army Act, Navy Act and Air Force Act. Appropriate provisions exist in these Acts for taking action against Force personnel indulging in corrupt practices.

Statement

Sl. No.	Rank/Name	Case details
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1.	Lieutenant General SK Sahni, Major General BPS Mander, Brigadier SK Handa Brigadier PS Gill	A Court of Inquiry instituted to look into irregularities in procurement of dry rations indicted Lieutenant General S.K. Sahni, Major General BPS Mander, Brigadier SK Handa, Brigadier PS Gill and six other junior officers for various lapses. The General Officer Commanding in Chief (GOC-in-C),

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		Western Command directed Disciplinary Action against Lieutenant General SK Sahni, Brigadier SK Handa, Brigadier PS Gill and three other officers and Administrative Action Against Major General BPS Mander and three other officers. Lieutenant General SK Sahni has filed a writ petition against the court of Inquiry. The Hon'bel Court has restrained the Government to progress the disciplinary action till the Judgment in the writ petition. The Gen. officer has retired from service on superannuation *w.e.f.* 1st October, 2006.
2.	Major General (now Lieutenant General) SK Dahiya Brigadier DVS Bishnoi	A Court of Inquiry instituted to inquire into the alleged irregularities in the operation of Meat Frozen Contract for Laddakh Sector in Northern Command indicted Major General (now Lieutenant General) SK Dahiya, Brigadier DVS Bishnoi and three other officers on various acts of ommission and Commission. GOC-in-C, Northern Command has issued his directions. The officer has filed a WP in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, which is being contested.
3.	Major General GI Singh Multani, Brigadier DS Grewal Brigadier G. Illangovan, Brigadier Rajeev Devikar, Brigadier RS Rana	A Court of Inquiry had indicted Major General GI Singh Multani, Brigadier DS Grewal, Brigadier G. Illangovan, Brigadier Rajeev Devikar, Brigadier RS Rana and seven other officers culpable of certain acts of omission and Commission in sale of liquor and financial irregularities. GOC in-C, Central Command directed disciplinary action against the Gen. officer and administrative action against remaining ten officers.

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4.	Major General (then Brigadier) KTG Nambiar, Brigadier (now Major General) Rana Goswami	Based upon the findings of a Court of Inquiry held to investigate the allegations of various financial and other irregularities, GOC-in C, Central Command directed Disciplinary Action agaisnt Major General (then brigadier) KTG Nambiar, subsequently promoted to the rank of a Major General and Administrative Action against Brigadier (now Major General) Rana Goswami and two other officers.
5.	Brigadier SS Rao	A Court of Inquiry instituted to look into alleged incident of staging fake encounters under Eastern Command, found Brigadier SS Rao culpable of abetting staging of fake encounter by Commanding Officer of a unit. The GOC-in-C, Eastern Command directed disciplinary action against the officer.
6.	Brigadier Iqbal Singh	As a result of 'Tehelka Expose', General Court martial in respect of Brigadier Iqbal has been completed this year and he has been awarded the sentence to be cashiered and to suffer vigorous imprisonmenr for two years.
7.	Commander (SD ME) CS Singh	Commander (SD ME) CS Singh has been charged for abusing his position as a Public Servant, for commanding the making of false challans and for conduct unbecoming the character of an officer. The officer has been sentenced to (a) undergo rigorous imprisonment of 06 calendar months, to be dismissed from naval service, (b) forfeit 24 calendar months seniority in the rank of commander, (c) pay fine of Rs. 62,500/- and (d) suffer consequential penalties.

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8.	Commodore NNM Pandit	Commodore NMM Pandit has been charged for falsifying official documents, false declarations, knowingly making fraudulent statements, abusing his position as a Public Servant, possessing pecuniary resources disproportionate to his known sources of income and for conduct unbecoming the character of an officer. The officer has been sentenced to (a) undergo rigorous imprisonment of 18 calendar months, (b) dismissal from naval service, (c) forfeit 36 calendar months seniority in substantive rank of Capt, (d) pay fine of Rs. 3 lakhs, and (e) suffer consequential penalties involved.
9.	Lieutenant Commander (SDAE) MP Verma	Lieutenant Commander (SDAE) MP Verma has been charged for cruelty, conduct unbecoming the character of an officer, abusing his position as a Public Servant and for possessing pecuniary resources disproportionate to his known sources of income. The officer has been sentenced to (a) undergo simple imprisonment of 12 calendar months, (b) dismissal from naval service, (c) pay fine of Rs. 6,91,700/- and (d) suffer consequential penalties. The Execution of sentence stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.
10.	Commander AG Gandhi	Commander AG Gandhi has been charged for cruelty and conduct unbecoming the character of an officer and for knowingly making a fraudulent statement. The officer has been sentenced to (a) be

		dismissed from naval service, (b) forfiet 12 Calendar months seniority in substantive rank of Commander, (c) pay fine of Rs. 7,870/- only and (d) suffer consequential penalties involved.
11.	Group Captain Shamsher Singh	Group Captain Shamsher Singh was tried by a General Court Martial on a charge relating to corruption. The General Court Martial awarded the following punishments :— (a) Forfeiture of seven years of service for promotion. (b) Forfeiture of five years of service for increased pay. (c) Severe Reprimand.
12.	DIG SK Dey	One case of financial and procedural irregularities/misappropriation of funds against DIG SK Dey has come to notice. A *prima facie* case was established against the officer and he was attached to Indian Coast Guard Ship, Chennai for initiation of disciplinary action against the officer. Before the disciplinary proceedings could be initiated the officer approached Madras High Court and obtained interim stay, which is still in force.

Production of Defence equipment by Small and Medium Scale Industries

754. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage the small and medium scale industries to participate in production of defence equipment in the country;